BY C. LANGTON CLARKE.

T VERARD DUNBAR, alone in his L little room in the office of the silis. Tolchester Courier, scribbled the last "They are full of something," reline of a bunch of copy, glanced hasti- plied Dunbar; "perhaps it is soul, I away, but happily ignorant of the exly over what he had written, and then am sure I don't know. You see, I tent of his ill-doing. rose and stretched himself.

"I think I am getting a little sick of it all," he said, audibly. "It is a ridiculous occupation, and I ought to have able-bodied man. I am tired of it and at least." disgusted with it, and for two pins I'd chuck it up to-morrow."

He knocked the ashes out of his panion. pipe against his heel, and laughed rather grimly, as he did so.

"If they could only see me," he said, "how some of them would open their eyes; how they will open them some day; and now for dinner and to dress for the small-and-early at the Walcotts'."

Everard Dunbar was a young manwho, some years previously, had drifted into journalism after undergoing the initial stages of preparation for several professions, and had done fairly well. As-a reporter he had proved himself better at serving up his news in attractive form than in hunting for it. He had a good style, and on more than one occasion had written a flippant editorial on local politics, which the chief editorial writer, jealous of any encroachment on his special department, had nevertheless liked well enough to use. He had been finally assigned to special work, and had proved a success.

The Tolchester Courier was a paper which had a large circulation, particularly its Sunday edition. Its departments were generally conceded to be almost equal to those of any metropolitan journal, and of all its special features the brightest, in the a page like that without-oh, withestimation of the reading public, was its "Woman's Empire," conducted by "Iolanthe," Iolanthe's "Hints on Fashions," "Medical Suggestions," "Answers to Correspondents," and "Side Talks with Girls," were universally read, not only by the women folk of Tolchester and the surrounding district but I suppose it is all right. Oh, yes, I write to Iolanthe constantly. I tell her all kinds ing district, but often by the sterner

It was rather late when Dunbar, in company with his particular chum, Cassels, also of the editorial staff of the Courier, presented himself at the Walcotts' dance and was effusively greeted by the hostess.

sex also.

"Naughty man," she said, shaking her finger at him, "to come so late, when I have been dying to introduce you to quite the nicest and prettiest girl I know. Come along now;" and Dunbar was led across the room to where sat a tall, decidedly good-looking girl, with a rather haughty expression.

"Alma," said Mrs. Walcott, "let me introduce Mr. Dunbar, a great friend of mine; Everard, this is Miss Tres-

The young lady bowed formally, and an air of indifference, which suddenly changed to one of animation when Mrs. Walcott continued:-"Mr. Dunbar, dear, is one of our rising journalists. He is on the Courier.

"I am very glad to meet you," said Miss Tressilis, smiling pleasantly. "A dance? Oh, certainly!" and she held out her programme, on which Dunbar, unrebuked, proceeded to inscribe his initials several times. The two hours that followed were

very pleasant for the young man, and after he had danced three times with Miss Tressilis he was inclined to agree with Mrs. Walcott in the opinion which she had expressed about her. It was while they were seated in a

remote and comfortably cushioned nook after the fourth dance together, that Miss Tressilis broke a rather long silence by saying:-"You are on the Courier, are you not, Mr. Dunbar? Mrs. Walcott men-

tioned it, I think, when she introduced you. Are you an editorial "I have not yet climbed so high," re-

plied Dunbar. 'At present I do special work." "But I suppose you know every-

body on the paper, don't you?" "Well, not every one, Miss Tressilis. You see there are a good many in the business department and the pressmen and stereotypers and mailers with whom I am brought very little into contact. My acquaintance is floor and the composing room."

pretty much limited to the editorial Miss Tressilis did not seem to be paying much attention. "I wonder whether you would do

me a great favor?" she said. "If it is in my power you may rely on me," replied Dunbar, gallantly.

"Tell me," said the girl, fixing her large and luminous eyes full on Dunbar's-"tell me Iolanthe's real name." Dunbar felt himself growing red.

"It is an office secret," he replied. "Why are you so anxious to know?" "Because I love her," replied Miss mysteries. I always think the Sphinx arm. Tressilis, in a voice that quivered with must have been an awful old bore."

emotion. "She is so true, so noblehearted, so feminine; don't you think "Feminine?" replied Dunbar; then,

recovering himself, "oh, well-yes, if talk of Iolanthe, and one is apt to get you say so, no doubt she is."

"for weeks it has been my dream to at this instance of feminine inconsistmeet her, to put my arms about her ency. "Why, you-" and kiss her and tell her how I love "Oh, yes, I know what you are go-

winced-"but if you will not tell you three questions. So think of whatever else you may be, you are a me her name, at least tell me what something important." she is like. No. stop, I will describe It was while Dunbar was hesitating zine.

ner to you and you shall tell me over how personal he dare make his wheher I am right. In the first place she is tall and dark."

"You are right, so far," replied Dunbar, glancing almost unconsciously at a mirror that hung opposite. "And she is very handsome, is she

"Well, no, I am afraid not," was the hesitating reply. "At least not par- home." ticularly so," he added, seeing the disappointment in the face of his fair into the face of his friend, and saw out

"But I know she has lovely eyes large, and dark and soulful." "Dark eyes? Oh, yes, certainly." "And soulful;" insisted Miss Tree

never gave the matter very much thought."

"I can see her," said Miss Tressilis, with a dreamy look in her own beauput my foot down when old Blue- tiful eyes, "sitting in her office, fitted name of Iolanthe?" nose got me into it. I have been a up like a boudoir, with lovely pictures success certainly, but then I might and knick-knacks all about her. No ginning, with a very red face, when have been equally successful as a one could have such beautiful the girl turned on Dunbar. cook or a man-milliner, and that thoughts unless they were surroundwould have been just as absurd for an ed by beautiful things. No woman

There was a minute's silence, and then Miss Tressilis turned to her com-

"I am going to confide in you," she said. "I am one of lolanthe's most constant contributors."

"Yes, I know you are," replied the young man, absently.

"How could you possibly know that?" asked the girl, opening her eyes. "I enclose my name, but my nom de guerre, or whatever you call it, is quite different, no clue at all. offended virtue, "I do not think I How could you possibly know? Surely, surely, Iolanthe does not show the letters she receives to others in the office. Oh, that would be horrible! If I thought some man had seen those letters I should die with mortifica-

"Do not disturb yourself," he said. "On my honor, no one sees those letters but Iolanthe, who would deserve a good thrashing if it were otherwise.

"What a horrible way to speak of a woman!" said Miss Tressilis, evidently much relieved. "But tell me, how did you know that I was a contributor?"

Dunbar flushed a little. "Wellyou know," he said, "any one not a fool could see that. No woman could take such an interest in the editor of out writing to her and telling her, and all that sort of thing, you know." "But you spoke with so much cer-

tainty," said the girl; "quite as if you knew all about it, not as if you merely surmised it. But I suppose it oh-lots of things that a girl wants

to know." "Personally," said Dunbar, "I think these question columns for women's pages are rot. They pay the paper, of course, or we wouldn't run them; but-don't be offended-I don't think they are quite healthy. A girl writes to me-that is, of course, supposing am a woman editor-and wants to know whether I think the young man who is paying her attentions is really in earnest, and then she tells me what he does or says, and how he looks at her, and all that sort of thing. How am I to know from such data? If I reply, 'I fear the young man is trifling with your affections,' I may be doing a very estimable young fellow a great injustice; if, on the contrary, I encourage the girl to receive the at tentions, I may be helping a worthless scoundrel. And then, again, it's not

good for the girl to be exposing her secret thoughts to a stranger like me, instead of her mother. I-er-I am still speaking, of course, from the standpoint of a woman editor." "It seems almost a pity you are not one," replied Miss Tressilis, with some resentment. "You seem to know a

good deal about it; and I dont' agree with you at all. I think it is good to have some one some kind, loving woman, such as I am sure Iolanthe is-to confide in and ask advice from." "Even in matters of the heart, as I

believe these affairs are called?" haz-"Yes, even in that; I know a girl who was saved from a great deal of misery by Iolanthe. She wrote the girl a private letter, exposing a young

man who was paying her great attentions." "But that was because the girl mentioned the name of the cad in question in her letter. Iolanthe happened

to know a good deal about him." "I suppose you would think that rather a sneaking thing for a woman; but pardon me, how do you know that the name was mentioned?"

Dunbar looked slightly nonplussed Why, how could Iolanthe have possibly warned the girl against any special man if she did not know him?"

he said "No, I suppose not," replied Miss Tressilis, in rather a doubting voice. "Tell me, Mr. Dunbar, do you know Iolanthe very well? And do you admire her very much?"

"I can't say much as to admiration," replied Dunbar, "but I will admit that I we exceedingly solicitous about her wellere."

"One of best friends?" queried the girl in a low voice. Dunbar laughed rather bitterly. "I don't know," he said. "Some people

would tell you that I am Iolanthe's worst enemy." "You are very mysterious," said the girl, almost fretfully, "and I hate wife comfortably established on the

"Which is as much as to say that I am an awful bore?" asked Dunbar. "Oh, no, I didn't mean that, but you see you have done nothing but

a little tired of one subject." "Do you know," continued the girl, "It eried Dunbar in astonishment,

her. Is there any possibility of my ing to say," broke in the girl, "but Dunbar, "and what a shock the quesdream coming true, Mr. Dunbar?" let us change the subject; you have tion gave me." "Er, well, really, you know, hardly, been the Sphinx, now I will be the I am afraid," replied Dunbar. "She— Delphic oracle, or whatever it was she is very anxious that her identity that used to answer foolish questions should be kept secret. She dreads from behind the curtain. Look." She publicity and all that, you know; she is the sensitive and retiring sort."

"I know she is, the dear,"—Dunbar shrouded herself in it. "Now, I give his lips, "it only shows, Everard, that how wen, replied his. Bulloar, put ting her arms around him and immight be like a knight of old, and per form some deed of daring for you.

inquiries that Cassels' most unmusi-

cal voice broke in: speaker laid a hand on Dunbar's cago Daily News. shoulder, "if you have got all the fashion pointers you need and have entertained enough of your interest- tried .- N. Y. Herald. ing contributors, let's be hoofing it

In speechless horror Dunbar gazed of the corner of his eye the curtain swing back and a pale, set face looking at him.

"Oh, I beg your pardon!" said Cassels, thunderstruck at this apparition. "I thought you were alone." He was conscious that he had given his friend

"Is this the person?" asked Miss Tressilis, in a dreadful voice, and lay-"person," "who writes under the

"Why, you see," Cassels was be "Are you Iolanthe?" she asked.

sharply. "There is not much use in denying it," replied Dunbar. "Yes, I am." "I should not think it would hurt you much to deny it," said Miss Tressilis, with bitter scorn, "an untruth or two extra would not make much difference."

"I think, old man, I will wait for you in the library," said Cassels, and fled ignobly.

"I am not aware of having told any untruths," said Dunbar, trying rather unsuccessfully to assume an air of have stated anything that was not strictly so, and besides, I was anxious that my secret should not leak

"So you are Iolanthe," said Miss Tressilis, looking at him with an expression which called the blood into his face. "You, a man with a strong body and with brains, and yet you prefer to twaddle to a lot of women in print instead of doing a man's

"You spoke differently of my work just now," replied Dunbar, a feeling of annoyance overwhelming his embarrassment. "I don't think you characterized it as twaddle then."

"That was when I thought it was written by a woman," replied the girl. "Oh, it is horrible! ghastly! To think that you have read my letters. How hatefully you must have grinned over them! You are not very likely to marry, Mr. Dunbar, now that you have seen what an unutterable donkey a woman can make of herself."

This was a change of front with a vengeance.

disapproved of women's pages," replied Dunbar, "but you disagreed with

me. I am at least consistent." "And you mean to imply that I am not, I suppose, but how dare you call yourself consistent? If you disapproved, why did you lend yourself to encouragement?

"We have to do a good many unpleasant things in our business," re-

plied Dunbar, rather weakly. "Unpleasant? Dishonorable, you mean," replied Miss Tressilis, pray, don't try to excuse yourself, you are not only dishonorable, but ridiculous, and I," and she added, with a little gulp, "I suppose I have made myself ridiculous too, but then I didn't know, and you did. I think I will wish you good evening, Miss Iolanthe. No, thank you. I can find my own way back without an escort. I should say chaperon, I suppose." And with these words Miss Tressilis arose and departed, leaving her companion looking decidedly crestfallen.

When Dunbar went down alone to the cloak-room, he found Cassels waiting for him with contrition stamped on every line of his features.

"I am awfully sorry, old chap," that young man said. "I wouldn't have skipped out if I hadn't seen that you both would rather have had it but alone. Was she-was she one of your

congregation?" "Oh, all right!" replied Dunbar, shortly. "I suppose it had to come out sooner or later, though the time was rather inappropriate. Yes, she was one of the flock, all right."

"She didn't seem to take it very kindly," ventured Cassels, with a lively recollection of a set face and flash-

ing eyes. "Was she mad?" "Just a little," replied Dunbar, with a mirthless laugh. "Oh, yes; she called me disonorable and ridiculous. and left me standing there feeling both. And the worst of it is that she is just the nicest and sweetest girl 1 ever met; but my goose is cooked now. She will never recognize me

"Oh, yes, she will," replied Cassels hopefully. "She is hot now, but she is sure to be interested in you."

"You can bid good-by to Iolanthe," said Dunbar after a short silence, "a long and fond farewell. To-morrow after I have had a little talk with Bluenose, Iolanthe's funeral will be conducted with neatness and dispatch and you fellows won't have to strair yourselves to keep your wives and sweethearts from finding out who

"And the paper?" queried Cassels. "The paper?" replied Dunbar, with emphasis-"the paper be darned."

she is."

It was just a year after the Wal cotts' party that Mr. and Mrs .Dunbar sat in their little drawing-room. Mr. Dunbar in an easy-chair, with his

"Do you remember what I said to says: you a year ago to-night, Everard?" asked Mrs. Dunbar. "You said so many things, dearest," replied her husband. "Please partie

ularize." "I asked you whether you thought I should ever be able to put my arms around Iolanthe's neck and kiss her, and tell her how much I loved her." "I remember very distinctly," said

"And you said it was extremely unlikely?"

"I believe I did." "Well," replied Mrs. Dunbar, put very poor prophet."-Canadian Maga-

PITH AND POINT.

It is far better to keep out of a quar-"Well, Iolanthe, old man," as the rel than to fight your way out .- Chi-

> The supreme tragedy of life is not to fail but to know that you never The men and women who are compelled to see the sunrise every morn-

ing are those who do the least raving about it .- Atchison Globe. Clara-"I wonder how Mattie came to marry Fred Somerby?" Bertha-"The most natural reason in the world. Fred had an overcoat that was a perfect match for Mattie's new

gown."-Boston Transcript.

Fatal Candor.-Suitor-"Yes, sir, I assure you, I would be glad to marry your daughter, even if she were poor as a church mouse." Mr. Moneybage -"That settles you! I don't want a ing considerable stress on the word fool in the family."-Philadelphia Press.

Watching His Opportunity .- "Your son has a very robust appetite." "Yes, I'm so ashamed of him. He always overeats when we have company." "Then's the only chance I ever git," said the terrible infant.-Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

How It Was Done. - Freshleigh-"Pray, how did you become ossified?" Ossified Man-"In my youth I was nice and soft like you; when I grew up and realized what a cruel world this is, I became hardened."-Ohio State Journal.

Her Dilemma. - Mr. Askit-"And how do you like keeping a diary?" Miss Gabbeigh-"Oh, it keeps me so busy writing about what I have been doing that I do not have any time to do anything to write about."-Baltimore American.

Prescribed Method of Preventing the Worst Terror of That

Disease.

The reported cases of smallpox cause all prudent people living in or visiting

known preventives. The disease itself has a long, bad history. It was known in India and China some centuries before the Christian era, and during the middle ages its appearance in Europe resulted in frightful mortality, sometimes carrying off one in every four of an infected district, says the Toledo Medical Com-

The name smallpox is simply a corruption of two words, "small" "pocks," "I told you just now that I heartily and in the early stages of the disease these pocks may be distinctly felt underneath the skin, like fine shot. Later they appear on the surface as vesicles (or pimples) and finally become the characteristic pustules. Within each of these pustules is set up an active process of ulceration, which if not checekd destroys that portion of the true skin involved, and results in the permanent and unsightly system of scars known as "pockmarks."

Dr. Elmer Lee, of New York, a noted specialist, has this to say on the subject of preventing these pockmarks or

"Smallpox pitting can be prevented by applying to the face antiseptic remedies, and I think the most desirable is one made of ozone and glycerin. The glycerin has the body to hold the ozone, and also, being such a very heavy liquid, enables it to be worked into the pores of the skin, and to check fermentative processes that make up a large part of the ulceration. If this fermentation, which is a part of the ulcerative process, can be stopped then pitting can be prevented. The less the ulceration, the less the pitting. If the ulceration can be entirely prevented there will be only an exterior scab

which leaves no pit. "The trouble with grease or ointments which are sometimes applied to the face is that they are not true antiseptics, and have no chemical influence to stop the ulceration. While they lessen the friction, and therefore are soothing, they do not check the fermentative process of the ulcer. What is wanted is a true antiseptic that will control and stop the chemical ferment. We have such prepared under the trade names of Glycozone and Hydrozone. There is also another preparation that is useful in combination with the two preceding ones. It is a liquid soap made of vegetable oils combined with glycerin, and is known as Elixio. Wherever these agents have been properly and faithfully used pitting has

been prevented. "The skin should be first cleansed with the Elixio and water, then treated with diluted Hydrozone and this followed by the heavy liquid 'Glycozone.' Hydrozone is a very powerful destroyer of ferments. Glycozone is milder, but more lasting. The Hydrozone acts only upon dead matter or matter in process of putrefaction. Applied to healthy skin it would have no more effect than water, but applied to a sore

it produces profuse bubbling. "The treatment I have indicated should be repeated daily. If that is done there will be no pitting. This pitting is the worst feature of smallpox The deaths from the disease have never been so numerous as is popularly supposed, but the evil of pitting can hardly be overestimated. It is not only ar embarrassment-it is a great injury.' Hydrozone is double strength peroxide of hydrogen, and is now generally used by the medical profession instead of the latter. Dr. L. C. Schutt, of Toledo, O., speaking of its use in smallpox. "The topical application of peroxide of hydrogen or glycozone is

King Alfonso's Mother. The mother of the young king of Spain is always anxious when his majesty takes his riding lesson. She was nervous when as a baby he only sat astride a wooden horse. Her nervousness in this respect is said to be in consequence of a gypsy woman's prediction when she was younger. The old hag told her her son would meet with a fatal throw from a horse .- N. Y World.

very beneficial."

None But the Brave. Mr. Billincoo-Ah! my dear, I wish 1 might be like a knight of old, and per-Miss Lovylipz-Oh, George! Now that you're worked up to it, suppose you

speak to papa.—Philadelphia Press.

WOMEN OF THE CONFEDERACY.

The Proposition to Erect a Grand Mon ment to the Women Who Worked While the Soldiers Fought.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 29.-Col. Garnett Andrews, of this city, prominent as a member of the United Confederate Veterans, and well known throughout the south as one of the foremost lawyers of this section, is at work on the details of a plan, which he will present to the next encampment of the United Confederate Veterans, looking toward the erection of the most costly monument in the United States to commemorate the valor and fidelity of the confederate women.

The agitation among confederate reterans to build a great monument to the confederate women had its beginning here on Decoration day, two years ago, when Col. Andrews, the crator of the occasion, made it the theme of his address. Afterwards N. B. Forrest Camp (local) and the general convention at Louisville of United Confederate Veterans, approved the undertaking, but no plan of action was adopted.

An Associated Press reporter called on Col. Andrews and requested his views as to the progress of the work, the necessify for it, plans of organization and style of monument.

"It is to the discredit of our people," said Col. Andrews, "that no more progress has been made, although I believe that such a response able, as he points out, that we can con- tion, not to speak of quite possible would come in dollars and cents to a canvass for funds, as was never witnessed before.

"The mass of confederate woman-

DISFIGUREMENT BY SMALLPOX auxiliary force, that was nearly, if not quite, half of the army's e...ciency. They constituted, for one thing, a great hospital reserve. Besides supplying the medical corps at the front with much of its material, every home was a sanitarium where a sick or wounded soldier was welcome. We New York to resort to vaccination as a had neither factories nor commerce. precautionary measure. The physi- So they, in large measure, clothed the cions and public authorities take all army. Their sons and husbands being necessary precautions for the seclusion in the regiments compelled them to of the cases, but suggest on the part of manage plantations and farms and the public the exercise of all other feed the army. They denied themselves comforts, in order that they might give to the soldiers. Their high spirits never drooped; they were cheerful and courageous always. They kept the firing lines full, for they utterly scorned a shirk, and their utter contempt drove malingerers to their duty. The respect in which they were held made them more efficient in this

> regard than many conscript guards. "Their disbanded soldiers returned to find them wearing coarse, homemade stuffs and without fabrics of Hanna's Foxy Move in His Engineer- millionaires and impoverishing themblack, in many instances, in which to

"But they met their returning men and held their hearts up for them as if they had been the conquerers; and gave them sweet encouragement to face the hard life before them.

"There were many deserters from the confederate army, but has anyone a loaf is better than no bread. ever heard of a confederate woman who turned her back on the cause? "In these later days appear the United Daughters of the Confederacy. a well named society of noble aims.

and distribute to the surviving soldiers crosses of merit. These decorations come, under God, from the highest worldly source of honor, as we esteem it. "The general government and the military organizations of those who fought for the Union, have filled the land with thousands of commemorative shafts. But the last man had scarcely fallen when the confederate girls and women began their tireless and persistent labors to commem-

orate their dead; and if figures could be known, I believe it would appear that their patient little hands have set up more graven stones of hono than all others. There is scarcely a county without them, and towns and cities teem with the great monuments which they have erected to the confederate dead. "And the confederate veteran? He

has accepted it all with complacency. as though he deserved it. "What has he done to give even faint expression of honor to this matchless race of women? If I were to die now, my gravestone would blush with shame at the answer,

'Nothing, nothing.' "Yet they still keep on building memorials to the confederate dead. And we, the surviving veterans, keep unbroken our record of disgrace. "After all they have done, after their love, suffering and devotion,

after their beautiful fame we find not! a stone to their memory in all the "My idea of what should be done can be told in a few words. Collecat least half a million dollars or mor -I believe it can be had-no man would refuse for an object so sacred and popular. With it build one monument-not several inferior ones-but one, so grand in size, rich in material, artistic in design and execution and faultless in location, that the world would applaud and thousands would come to revere the memory of

so great a womankind. "I believe in a single working machinery, with few officers, for expe-

ditious accomplishment. "An executive head of one to three, the fewer the better, should be proficers and canvassers. Allow them reasonable compensation, otherwise they can not afford to devote themselves to the work. Get speakers here and there, canvass every county in the south, and in my judgment, the half million would be in the bank within a year."

CELESTIAL ECHOES.

The Chinese language has 40,000 ple words and only 450 roots. Chinese historians trace the beginning of a postal service in their country | ers for 30 years not to exceed an amount back to the third century B. C.

Foot-binding in China is in obedience coming from the treasury is derived ship subsidy bill in congress. It is not to custom merely and not to law. The from taxing the people, and as Tensame may be said about wearing the hesseeans pay taxes to the federal gogues which has to be feared. It is the

queue. proposes to institute a series of experiments with wireless telegraphy pended for the public weal or to fill tem which years will not eradicate.—

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N. Y. Press (Rep.). for subterranean communications.

CLEVELAND ON EXPANSION.

Former President "Sermonizes" Some Effect on the Colonial System.

In his speech at the annual dinner of the Holland society of New York ex-President Cleveland expressed again the views which he has been known to hold concerning the nation's recent expansion policy. He believes now that with the definite adoption of a co- calculation which gives \$750,000,000 as lonial system the country has been carried away from its traditional purposes and principles and "will never be the over \$1,500,000,000 as the aggregate for same again." "For weal or woe," he declares, "we have already irrevocably passed beyond the old lines." He says so many years ago the whole country

"The republic will in some sort be Shall it be only in name and semblance, with fair external appearance, but with the germs of decay fas-tened upon its vitals, or shall it, though changed, still survive a such vigor and strength as to remain the hope and pride But now comes a congress which of free Americans? The problem is a momentous one. Its solution depends upon the extent to which the old patriotism and good serise of our countrymen can be rescued from impending danger. The warning which Mr. Cleveland

gravity of the situation is not one that that it is idle to make any protest. Cleveland's view, incidental. It is probhood was, in various ways, an actual power only to pass into decadence, is prodigality.

It was scarcely necessary for Mr. fully. Cleveland to apologize for "sermonizng" upon such a subject or for pleading with sober earnestness for a policy | teaching of their preternaturally wise of caution and conservatism. The duty republican schoolmasters that the now resting upon the executive branch | money which congress appropriates is of government and upon congress is paid by stupid foreigners or rains one of vital importance, and it could down from the skies or gushes up be wished that there were more men from wells. of the influence of the ex-president to stand out and declare what they be- headache will come upon them again. lieve to be the course of patriotism. They will discover that they have been Now more than at any other time the deceived. They will perceive that they nation is in need of discerning, patri- are the ones who furnish the money otic critics .- Chicago Record (Ind.).

IT IS HIS WAY.

ing of the Ship Subsidy Grab Scheme.

most autocratic of bosses when he realities in place of dreams. And we feels secure in his control of power, may think ourselves fortunate if they is a shrewd spoilsman who recognizes do not go to another extreme and the wisdom which declares that half punish not only those who have de-

It is evidently on this principle that accumulated wealth in legitimate Hanna has resolved to proceed in the | ways and by the exercise of their own matter of the \$180,000,000 ship subsidy energies and their own genius for grab now awaiting the action of the "causing two blades of grass to grow national congress. The great syndi- where but one grew before." cate agent in American public life is | People who have been robbed by now readjusting his cards so as to confidence operators may not stop to play a hedging game. This is because make nice distinctions when they there are stronger hands against him come to themselves. With the spirit than he had at first allowed himself of resentment strong upon them they

to believe. It is this policy which has led Han na to consent, as now reported, to the peans in days gone by flocked to the amending of the ship subsidy bill in standard of Peter the Hermit or as certain respects to conform to the Frenchmen later threw themselves ideas of opposing senators. The into the bloody excesses of the great truculent boss has discovered that he revolution and the "reign of terror." cannot compel the passage of the -Chicago Chronicle. iniquitous measure as it now stands. He knows that both himself and the McKinley administration would be discredited by its defeat, and that the syndicate behind the bill would suffer material loss. He is assured that the amended bill will have clear majorities in the senate and house. An

than no grab. Whatever else may be said of this he is the incarnation of commercialized politics. It is his creed to reach to make the burden even more oppressive, as he at first demanded .-

PRESS COMMENTS.

St. Louis Republic.

-A large majority of the republic an papers do not seem to know what and they do the next best thing-they keep silent.-Indianapolis News (Ind.)

-If Mark Hanna sues everybody for libel who thinks he has a direct save time by consolidating the actions

olis Sentinel. -Ex-President Harrison ought not to have his offspring and friends perse- of the imperialists more than these cuted by the administration because denials of their own works. They his conscience as an honest citizen and haven't the courage of their own purhis knowledge as a great constitutional vided, with power to appoint sub-of- lawyer compelled him to protest against says McKinley, and then he sends a Hanna-McKinley imperialism. - Kan-

sas City Times. -The protection now afforded by the Dingley tariff enables the trusts is no despotism in Porto Rico," says to sell at any figure necessary abroad the solicitor general, "because the to meet the competition of foreign mar- government never asserted it." But kets and recoup any possible losses by putting up the prices to home consumers, who are denied the benefit of acts in Porto Rico, which are despotforeign competition in the United ism, pure and simple. States. The home consumer is robbed | Ex-President Harrison has stirred in order that the foreign customer may the animals up pretty thoroughly in have a bargain.-Washington Post.

-The ship subsidy bill proposes to give subsidies to American ship buildof \$9,000,000 per year. As all money the character of the opposition to the treasury directly and indirectly, they republican apprehension that there is dre interested in the bill, and have a death in the pot. In its present shape right to know if those taxes are ex- the bill means poison to the party sys-

A BILLION AND A HALF.

How the Contents of the Treasury Are Being Voted Away by Republicans.

The watchdogs of the treasury in Washington are said to be considerably worried by the looseness with which the two houses are voting away

the contents of the treasury. They have been making a rough the grand total likely to be appropriated during the present session, and

the present congress. This will be a record smasher. Not was filled with indignation and gave the republican party a terrible jolt because a congress appropriated something over \$1,000,000,000. The people made things unpleasant for the states-

But now comes a congress which adds one-half to this total, and no great noise is made about it. The people seem to be getting used to mountainous expenditures. They seem to have made up their minds thus gives with an evident sense of the that prodigality has come to stay and

can be lightly dismissed or answered | The watchdogs may growl, but who with sarcasms by the advocates of the cares? They may point to the fact present attempt to make the govern- that even the enormous total for the ment exercise imperial control of the present congress includes nothing for recently acquired island possessions. the Hanna-Payne shipping grab, and The question as to the nation's ability not a dollar for the Nicaragua canal, to control the Philippines is, in Mr. which it is now admitted will swallow up some \$200,000,000 in the construcquer the Filipinos, and even hold them losses from lack of traffic after comunder some form of orderly govern- pletion nor of still vaster expendiment. The real question is whether tures liable to result from internathis nation, in departing from the prin- tional complications. But the people ciples which have made it great and seem to take only a languid interest. following in the old paths of the na- Many of them, indeed, are urging contions which have advanced to imperial gress on to these greater extremes of

not consenting to a "perversion of its Well, as Sairy Gamp observes, "them mission." What we may or may not as wants to be tittiwated must pay acsucceed in doing in the Philippines is cordin'." The American people are far less important than what the con- paying roundly for the "tittiwation" tinued control of the Philippines may of their vanity, and to outward appearances they are paying very cheer-

Their cheerfulness may be due, however, to their blind acceptance of the

One of these days depression and to pay for the "tittiwation" and that the investment is not remunerative. They will learn that they have been contributing more millions to the

It will be a sorry day for the learned republican doctors of econom-Senator Hanna, although one of the ics when the people wake up and see ceived them, but those also who have

may flock to the standard of some "prophet" like Prof. Herron as Euro-

STIRRED UP BY HARRISON. Havoe in Administration Circles Created by Former President's

Plain Talk. One of the strongest evidences that amended ship subsidy grab is better the shafts of ex-President Harrison against imperialism are creating havoc in administration circles is the fact man Hanna, it must be confessed that that in his argument to sustain the constitutionality of the Porto Rico tariff law, Solicitor General Richards out for everything in sight. Then, if went out of his way to reply to exhe cannot get all that he wants, he President Harrison's Ann Arbor will take what he can get. The speech. In that speech Mr. Harrison amended ship subsidy bill will work asked if the president's assumption grievous injury to the American peo- of absolute power over the Porto ple, but Hanna will finally secure its Ricans was anything less than shockpassage. And then, with the people ing. The solicitor general tries to suffering under its vast tax burden, mitigate the shock by denying the the great boss will damn the Ameri- president's assumption of absolutism. can congress that it was not willing He declared that the government had never asserted and did not believe that congress had the power of a despot in Porto Rico. Does Mr. Richards believe that the American people are to be deceived as to the actual exercise of despotism by the mere disclaimer, when every act on our part in relation to Porto Rico is to do with Gen. Harrison's remarks, despotic? We tax the commerce; we send a governor general; we send executive officers; we send judges; we send a majority of the legislature; back of these we have the army. Evinterest in the ship subsidy bill he can erything that a Porto Rican may do or may not do depends on officials in in one suit of Marcus A, Hanna vs. The whose choice he had nothing to say. People of the United States .- Indianap- Isn't it the height of impudence to

declare that this is not despotism? Nothing shows the moral cowardice poses. "Imperialism is impossible," commission of five to make laws for a distant people who resent the imposition of the foreign yoke. "There the government's assertion or denial does not change the character of the

Washington, and they are angrily snapping back, but without injury to Harrison.-Utica Observer.

-Let there be no mistake about